

# OPAL NEWSLETTER

## PARENT PLAY SESSIONS

On Thursday 6th June and Thursday 4th July, the whole school enjoyed an afternoon of play which our families were invited to.

Children and their parents and carers had great fun in the sun! Thank you to all those who attended.

We will be hosting further sessions for families to come and enjoy our future developments in the Autumn term.



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## PARENTS' OPINIONS

When asked for their feedback, our parents and carers had lots to say...  
"We had lots of fun and would love to come to more of these events."

"It is great to see how much effort the staff have put into improving the children's playtimes."

"With everything that you offer at playtime, the children will never get bored."

"The children all look so happy and it is lovely that we get the chance to see them playing like this in school."



# PARENTS' OPINIONS CONTINUED

"The way you are using the field and the trees is amazing. It really gives the children a sense of freedom."

"I think the adults have had more fun than the kids."

"The field looks brilliant. I love how it has been cut and the wildflowers are starting to come through. It looks great."



"I love how happy the children are."

"The facilities are brilliant and they are used really well."



## RECENT ADDITIONS

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CLIMBING WALLS & SOCIAL SPACES



SEATING AREA SOCIAL SPACE



MOBILE WATER WALLS



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## UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS

RAISED PONDS



WILLOW TUNNELS



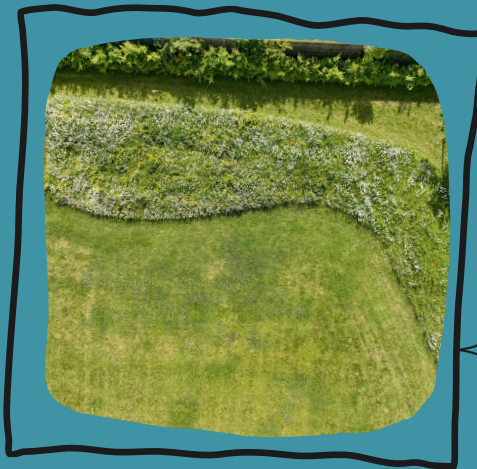
MINIBEAST ZONE



THANK YOU TO MR LYON FOR ALL OF  
YOUR HARD WORK!



GROUNDS UPDATE



Over the Summer term, we have been looking at our we are going to further develop and utilise our grounds.

We have zoned areas of the playground and Mr Lyon has been busy on his ride on mower to help create the zones. We have areas of wildflowers and longer grass to separate areas.

We have a 20 metre mud kitchen café area which is underway with it's very own digging area for children to enjoy. The café area will be complete with picnic benches.

Mr Lyon has successfully completed a grant application with the Royal Horticultural Society and we have been awarded £10,000 to help develop our grounds. The funding will be used to create the willow tunnel areas, pond areas, bug zones as well as flowering social spaces. We will have a new greenhouse complete with all the flowering, fruit and vegetable seeds we will need to grow our own produce in our allotment area.

We have also purchased 4x iPads for fieldwork as well as 5x wildlife cameras, 5x light sensors, 5x moisture sensors and a grab and go minibeast kit complete with recordable clipboards, magnifiers, binoculars, viewers, pond nets and trowels.

We look forward to children enjoying all the new changes in the new academic year!

